

## SRNT Fact Sheet

SRNT was founded in 1994 to provide a forum for intellectual exchange and dissemination of scientific information relevant to the understanding, prevention, and treatment of tobacco dependence. SRNT has over 750 members from nationwide; one fifth of the membership consists of international members from 24 countries. Membership requirements include evidence of scientific training beyond the undergraduate level and at least one peer-reviewed publication on nicotine, tobacco control, or a related topic.

SRNT hosted its Eighth Annual Meeting in Savannah, GA in February of 2002 and had over 600 registrants. The meeting consisted of over 300 presentations including symposia, oral presentations, roundtable discussions, and poster presentations. The meeting sought to promote a greater understanding of nicotine and tobacco through biological, behavioral, and social perspectives.

SRNT's first non-U.S. based meeting, held in Copenhagen in August of 1998, attracted more than 400 health professionals representing over 30 countries. SRNT held its second international meeting in November of 1999 in London, England. It was co-sponsored by the Health Education Authority, the Society for the Study of Addictions, and the World Health Organization. The Fourth European SRNT Conference will be held October 3-5, 2002, in Santander, Spain. Program and organizing committees will announce further plans for the meeting. Information will be available in the Newsletter and on the SRNT Web site, [www.srnt.org](http://www.srnt.org).

SRNT's journal, *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, was launched in the spring of 1999 with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The research topics range from the biological basis of tobacco dependence in animals, to development of evaluation instruments for tobacco dependence in youth, to studies of new treatment approaches for diverse populations.

SRNT members include many of the world's leading scientists in tobacco control. SRNT members have testified and provided guidance to the United Nations Committee on Trade and Development, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, White House, European Union, and a variety of State and voluntary organizations. In addition, SRNT members have contributed to many publications, including the annual report of the Surgeon General on Smoking and Health.

SRNT provides a quarterly newsletter that provides comprehensive information about state-of-the-art issues listings of meetings, training opportunities and jobs. SRNT also has a listserv that enables members to informally "talk" to their colleagues; this has become a major conduit of information about research topics, funding sources, meetings, etc., as well as a place to request information on tobacco/nicotine research topics and receive rapid responses from the world's leading scientists in the field. SRNT also has a web site that features comprehensive information on SRNT, including the most current membership directory, meeting announcements, and proceedings from the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

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